

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 46-64 are pending in the subject application. In the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 50, 52, 55, 57, 61 and 64 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 9, 10, 14, 17 and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,213,845 B1.

A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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